

PRE-COURSE WORK ASSIGNMENT

COURSE:	Fire Program Management, M-581
LESSON:	A - Management Implications of Fire Weather, Fire Behavior and Fire Danger Rating
UNIT:	4 - Program Implementation
SUGGESTED TIME:	2 Hours
EQUIPMENT:	Internet access
MATERIALS:	Pre-course Work Assignment and Department/Agency Manuals and Handbooks
OBJECTIVES:	<p>Upon completion of the pre-course work, participants will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Locate the Management Reports for South Canyon, 30 Mile and Cramer Fires and describe the commonalities.2. Locate the web site for your local National Fire Weather Office and review the NWS Annual Operating Plan.3. Locate and reference the NWCG pocket card web site.

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I. ACTIVITY 1

Viewing the Management report for the South Canyon, 30 mile and Cramer fires paying particular attention to the factor involving fire weather.

A. INTRODUCTION

The web sites below will link you to the management reports.

B. ASSIGNMENT

1. Access the reports at the following web sites:
<http://www.nifc.gov/scanyon/execsumm.html>
http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/safety/investigations/30mile/30mile_report-C.pdf
<http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/safety/investigations/cramer/ManagementReport.pdf>
2. Describe the commonalities pertaining to fire weather.
3. Describe how you and/or your agency address the fire weather findings.

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II. ACTIVITY 2

Accessing and reviewing your local National Weather Service Office and Predictive Services products and services, and completing an exercise.

A. INTRODUCTION

A strong understanding of the services and products that are available from the National Weather Service and Predictive Services is a very important part of fire program management.

B. ASSIGNMENT

1. Find your local National Weather Service Office on the internet and locate the web site that pertains to fire weather.
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/organization.php>

2. Become familiar with and review your local Fire Weather Annual Operating Plan. Highlight potential areas to discuss during a preseason meeting that might need to be adjusted.

3. Review the NICC Predictive Services web site and describe how you use this information. (very little to extensively??)
http://www.nifc.gov/news/pred_services/Main_page.htm

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III. ACTIVITY 3

Locating the web site that posts pocket cards and becoming familiar with their use.

A. INTRODUCTION

Pocket cards can be a useful tool for the firefighter to know and understand past fire danger for a local area as well as current conditions and become aware of potential fire problems with the local unit.

C. ASSIGNMENT

1. Access the national web site at:
<http://famweb.nwcg.gov/pocketcards/>
2. Pull up a pocket card for your area and print a copy. Review the pocket card for your area with the NWCG standards.
<http://famweb.nwcg.gov/pocketcards/standard.htm>
3. Highlight any potential problems from the posted pocket card that need to be corrected and/or adjusted.